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HIGHLIGHTS

Data for 1987-88 indicates:

* the 120,064 full-time professional personnel reflected an increase of 0.3 percent from the 119,751 reported last year and a 7.0 percent decline from the 129,081 reported in 1978-79.

* classroom teachers accounted for 86.0 percent of the total full-time personnel.

* the average salary of all professional employees increased 6.3 percent since 1986-87 to $30,170; classroom teachers salaries rose 6.4 percent to $29,177.

* the length of service for all professional employees averaged 16.5 years; for classroom teachers, 16.1 years.

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INTRODUCTION

"Public School Professional Personnel, 1987-88" is one in a series of publications containing statistical summaries related to basic education, higher education, and vocational education in Pennsylvania. The data contained in this publication reflects current year figures as well as trends on a variety of selected topics. In many instances, more detailed data is available.

This report contains data on salaried personnel only. Data for employees paid on a per diem basis, interns, and exchange teachers, to cite a few examples, is not included. The reader should keep in mind that information presented by position or assignment deals with people rather than positions. If an employee worked in more than one position or assignment, the person was counted only in the position or assignment in which a majority of his or her time was spent. In cases where the time was divided equally between two or more assignments, the chief school administrator selected one assignment. The data includes only personnel employed on a full-time basis in the schools.

Because of reporting difficulties and because salary contracts had not been settled at the time the reports were submitted, the 1986-87 salaries or salaries with mandated increments were reported for all or a portion of the employees in the school districts of California Area, Coudersport Area, Fairview, Farrell Area, Fort Cherry, Frazier, Lehighton Area, Mid Valley, Neshannock Township, New Brighton Area, New Castle Area, North Allegheny, North Star, Northern Tioga, Pittston Area, Saint Clair Area, Shenandoah Valley, Shenango Area, Smethport Area, Turkeyfoot Valley Area, Union, Upper Merion Area, and Weatherly Area; the area vocational-technical schools of Bucks County, Lawrence County, Somerset County, and West Side; and the intermediate unit offices of Carbon-Lehigh, Luzerne, and Schuylkill.